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TEA PLANTATION IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to promote tea plantation in Keonjahar district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to bring additional areas in that district under tea plantation;

(c) whether the local entrepreneurs are proposed to be involved in tea plantation in that district; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d): Studies have revealed that the identified areas of Keonjahar district are suitable for tea cultivation subject to provision of assured artificial irrigation during prolonged dry months at an economic cost. A pilot plantation was set up in the middle of 1980s as a joint collaboration with a private consultancy firm and the State Government of Orissa. An area of 213 hectares was planted and commercial production was started. However, the project could not succeed due to extreme climatic conditions.

The State Government of Orissa is focusing on extending tea cultivation in the small holdings in consultation with the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).